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1. DECREE 223 CASES. WE WILL BE COMING IN WITH
SUGGESTIONS FOR HOW THEY SHOULD BE HANDLED AT BOTH
ENDS OF THE WIRE, AND FOR WHAT WE SHOULD BE DOING
ON THOSE FEW APPROACHING FRUITION.

2. SIXTH FLEET VISIT. AMBASSADOR WILL BE SEEING
DEFMIN COMAN SOMETIME NEXT WEEK AND PLANS TO PRESENT
ALTERNATIVES GIVEN IN YOUR CABLE. IN REPORTING, WE
WILL SUGGEST THAT NAVY FLY IN A PLANE WITH NAVAL
ATTACHE WEISMAN TO PICK THEM UP, AND THAT THEY BE
ACCOMPANIED BY BOTH WEISMAN AND AIR ATTACHE HALL.
BUT WE AGREE THAT ROMANIAN ANSWER IN PRINCIPLE AND
SPECIFICATION OF PREFERRED DATES MAY BE SOME TIME
IN COMING, GIVEN ULMEANU'S ILLNESS.

3. BIRTHDAY GREETINGS FOR CEAUSESCU. HE WILL BE
SIXTH ON JANUARY 26, AND YOU WILL BE SENSITIVE TO
IMPORTANCE ROMANIANS WILL ATTACH TO EVENT.
AMBASSADOR AND THE REST OF US THINK A MESSAGE
FROM THE PRESIDENT FOR THE OCCASION WOULD HIT
THE SPOT AND WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR REACTIONS.
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4. MOYNIHAN OFFICE CONSULAR CASES. ABOUT ONCE
A MONTH SENATOR MOYNIHAN'S OFFICE SENDS US A BATCH
OF LETTERS ON EMIGRATION CASES, WITHOUT BUCKSLIPS
OR ANY INDICATION THAT SENDERS HAVE EVER RECEIVED
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FROM OFFICE OR ANYWHERE ELSE.
WHILE WE WOULD PREFER STEADY FLOW TO MONTHLY

AVALANCE, THEY SHOULD CERTAINLY BE ANSWERED;
QUESTION IS HOW. WE SEE TWO ALTERNATIVES:
-- WE WOULD PREFER TO REPLY FAIRLY URGENTLY AND
INDIVIDUALLY BY H-PASS CABLES, BUT ASSUME WE CAN
DO SO IF AND ONLY IF LETTERS SHOULD BE CONSIDERED
CONGRESSIONALS; OR
-- WE COULD REPLY INDIVIDUALLY BY LETTER AS TIME
PERMITTED (CURRENT BATCH WOULD APPEAR TO REPRESENT
SEVERAL MAN-DAYS' RPT DAYS' WORK, AT A MOMENT WHEN
WE ARE CRASHING INTER ALIA ON REP LIST AND SUPPORT
FOR AS VEST'S TESTIMONY).
PLEASE ADVISE AS TO YOUR PREFERRED ALTERNA-
TIVE. AT THE LEAST WE COULD SEE SOMEONE CALLING
MOYNIHAN'S OFFICE TO EXPLAIN REGULAR PROCEDURES AND
REASONS WHY THEY HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED.

5. LATEST APPROVALS LIST. (SILINS-MANGIAFICO
LETTER DATED DECEMBER 15). ALMOST ANYTHING GOES
IN THE EMIGRATION BUSINESS: OF INTS' FIVE
EXPLANATORY POSSIBILITIES, WE KNOW THAT (4) AND
(5) HAPPEN, AND DO NOT BELIEVE THAT (1-3) STRETCH
THE IMIGATION AT ALL. AT THE SAME TIME, OUR
HUNCH IS THAT WHAT IS MAINLY INVOLVED IN THIS CASE
IS PADDING DESIGNED TO ELICIT MORE OR LESS WELL-
FOUNDED GRATITUDE AT MFN REVIEW TIME. PASSPORT
DIRECTOR POPESCU'S COMPLAINT TO MANGIAFICO THAT GOR
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SHOULD RECEIVE CREDIT FOR WEST GERMAN CASES IF
CONGRESSMEN ARE INTERESTED REINFORCES THE HUNCH. AS
REPORTED BUCHAREST 8741, LIST CONTAINS ONLY A FEW
NEW APPROVALS, WITH MAJORITY HAVING APPEARED ON
PREVIOUS LIST AND SOME HAVING LEFT ROMANIA LONG AGO.
RACEANU PROBABLY HESITATES BECAUSE HE REALIZES SOME-
ONE WILL BE SMART ENOUGH TO FIGURE THIS OUT.

6. MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL.
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